

# Petition Insider

MEA

Michigan Education Association

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Protect Our Jobs  
Our Work, Our Voice, Our Future



## **FIRST WEEK BRINGS IN OVER 20,000 SIGNATURES!**

Over 3500 petitions containing just over 20,000 signatures poured into MEA Field offices and Headquarters last Friday as the first full week of the Protect Our Work, Our Voices and Our Future petition campaign ended. Many of the petitions were filled with signatures of members and their friends and families. An average of six signatures were on returned petitions.

Over 190,000 petitions are still in the hands of MEA members who continue to work toward our goal of collecting at least three signatures per member. Petitions will be collected each week for the next three weeks as the campaign continues.

Although many retired members are working with local coordinating councils to gather signatures, many more will be joining the campaign this week when the MEA-Retired annual meeting takes place in Lansing tomorrow. Local MEA-Retired leaders will be able to pick up petitions to distribute to their members at chapter meetings occurring in April and May.

Watch for a report later this week on the progress toward the POJ Coalition goal.

## **ONLINE PETITION SIGNATURES DON'T COUNT**

Some of our petition circulators are running into members who say they have already signed the online petition, so they question whether they can sign the circulator's petition. While the online petition has value in spreading the word about the campaign, it does not help get the Protect Our Jobs initiative on the ballot.

Members who signed the online petition must also sign the paper petition if they want their signatures to count. Signatures on the paper petitions are the only signatures that will be counted when the Board of Canvassers tallies the total.



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**Story 3 headline**

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**Story 4 headline**

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**Story ideas for the back page**

- Contact information (names, address, phone number)
- Talking points
- Creative ideas for events
- Local stories